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Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF SO. NEWMARKET,

For 1865.

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1865.

REPORT.

*Town of South Newmarket in account with the Selectmen for the
year ending March 8, 1865.*

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1864.

Mch. 18,	To paid for printing Town accounts,	\$11 00
Apl. 24,	Mary Randlett, note and interest,	104 06
May 5,	Paid interest on S. Lock's note,	12 00
	" Printing school reports,	21 00
6,	" E. Carter, note,	900 00
	" Interest on the same,	23 12
17,	" " " Note No. 5,	20 00
	" " " " " 1,	67 50
	" " " " " 3,	60 00
	" " " " " 9 and 10,	75 00
	Seven drafted men, substitutes,	2,100 00
	Balance of the note at Portsmouth Sav- ings Bank,	1,000 00
	Interest on the same,	54 25
	C. H. Littlefield for collecting taxes, 1863,	51 72
	Abatement Joseph Smith for highway tax, 1863,	2 94
	Abatement John Brown for highway tax, 1863,	7 26
	Insurance on Town Hall,	11 25
June 18,	N. D. Oakes to furnish a substitute,	300 00
22,	Patrick J. Connor to furnish a substitute,	300 00
Aug. 2,	Simeon Lock's old note,	100 00
	Interest " " "	2 00
	S. Lock's note,	100 00
	Interest on the same,	2 00
9,	" " Note No. 3 when renewed,	21 30

Aug. 9,	To Rufus Sanborn, to hire a substitute,	\$300 00
	Chas. H. Sanborn, " "	300 00
	Thomas Kelley, " "	300 00
19,	Asa D Neal, " "	300 00
26,	Patrick Quinn, note,	370 00
	Eighteen months' interest,	33 20
29,	Joseph G. Skinner's receipt for money,	6 00
	Charles E. Lane, to hire a substitute,	300 00
	E. G. Hill, " " "	300 00
Sept. 8,	A. B. Choate, " " "	300 00
	Edward Hanson, as volunteer,	300 00
	J. G. Skinner, receipt for money,	6 00
10,	Francis Ham for table,	6 00
	George R. Neal, to hire a substitute,	300 00
	Daniel G. Neal, " " "	300 00
Oct. 20,	William P. Moulton, running line between Exeter and South Newmarket,	3 00
	Winthrop Thing's note,	100 00
	Interest on the same,	6 23
Nov. 30,	Policy of insurance in Massasoit Co.,	12 50
	Assessment on the old policy,	72 00
	Interest on Note No. 14,	82 50
	Asa F. Sanborn to hire substitute,	300 00
	Paid for stove in the Selectmen's room,	7 00
1865.		
Jan. 3,	Paying W. S. Oderway's note,	500 00
	Interest on the same,	10 66
	John M. Paul's note,	500 00
	Interest on the same,	38 43
	George B. Franklin, as volunteer for the town,	300 00
	Joshua W. Neal for stone, and erecting it as bounds,	1 00
	Town of Exeter on account of A. Kelley,	3 00
Feb. 1,	John H. Marden on account of town's quota,	300 00
	District No. 1, school literary fund,	60 42
	" " 2, " " "	7 90
10,	Daniel Tuttle running line between South and Newmarket,	1 50
Mch. 1,	Peter Hersey for P. Dyer's board,	39 84
	S. C. Kennard, furnishing guide-boards,	15 50
	W. P. L. Badger's note,	60 00

Mch. 1, To	Interest on the same,	\$7 20
	County tax,	455 47
	State tax,	1,210 00
	School District No. 1 school money,	784 47
	“ “ “ 2 “ “	186 92
	School in Newmarket District No. 2,	12 61
	Cyrus Littlefield, abatement of tax on dog,	1 00
	James H. Hayden, on poll-tax,	3 12
	John H. Fogg, on dog,	1 00
	G. W. Pease, on dog,	1 00
	D. Bartlett, on lot of land,	1 30
	Charlotte Watson heirs,	16 17
	N. E. Stover,	3 12
	Samuel Downing,	3 12
	S. B. Locke,	1 30
	S. Locke,	1 30
	Joseph Locke,	1 30
	George P. Kelley,	3 12
	Abraham Pike heirs,	10 29
	Thomas Conner,	3 12
	W. Foley,	3 12
	E. A. Beals,	3 90
	Joseph A. Colcord,	9 00
	W. H. Connor,	3 12
	Daniel Bracket,	3 12
	Swamscot Mc. Co. on dog,	1 00
	Edward J. Beals, Collector, in collect- ing taxes,	59 34
	Non-resident highway taxes worked out by Surveyor,	47 08
	A. H. Varney, services as Town Clerk and drawing jury, and stationery,	21 05
	A. H. Varney, for certificates for en- rolled men,	5 50
	William B. Small, bill of advice,	3 00
2,	James P. Tilton's note,	1,037 00
	Interest on the same,	71 29
	“ on short note at Newmarket Bank,	6 15
	Selectmen of Epping, expenses run- ning line between South Newmar- ket and Epping,	1 50
4,	Samuel Neal's bill,	208 08

Mch. 4,	To Ira Choate's bill,	\$47 75
	Patrick Quinn's bill,	111 00
	State aid to families of soldiers,	1,280 00
	Joseph Lang, as Auditor in 1863,	1 00
	Benjamin Coe, " "	1 00
	E. Chapman, as Superintending School Committee,	12 00
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		\$16,832 01

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1864.	By amount in the hands of the Selectmen last year,	319 72
Mch. 9,	Rec'd of the U. States, for volunteer,	62 00
	Received of the United States, for two volunteers,	124 00
25,	Charles H. Littlefield, Collector,	205 04
Apr. 26,	H. C. Smith, note given in 1864,	1,000 00
May 11,	Note No. 3, " " "	250 00
	" " 4. " " "	150 00
24,	G. B. Wiggin, " " "	3,000 00
	United States, 6 volunteers, \$62 each,	372 00
June 22,	State Literary money,	68 32
July 30,	George B. Wiggin, note given,	500 00
Aug. 9,	Joseph Lang, " "	100 00
	G. B. Wiggin, " "	1,000 00
17,	Note No. 10,	200 00
25,	Second instalment of United States, 5 men, \$40,	200 00
26,	Walter S. Ordway, note given,	500 00
29,	Joseph G. Skinner, " "	600 00
Sept. 3,	" " " "	600 00
Dec. 1,	State aid,	1,576 00
1865.		
Jan. 3,	John Conner, note given,	400 00
	Note No. 14, " "	1,000 00
	Net income of the Town Hall,	15 97
	Amount committed for collection,	4,033 09
	" non-resident highway tax,	47 08
	Railroad tax,	407 77
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		\$16,730 99
Note given to Samuel Neal to balance,		101 02
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		\$16,832 01

1864.

Mch. 7,	To time and expenses to Exeter, Town	
	Reports printed,	\$1 00
16,	Half day at Town farm,	1 50
Apr. 9,	Express paid on money,	50
18,	" " "	50
	Repairing Pound gate in 1863,	2 00
	Stationery,	1 55
14,	Time to Exeter to settle with County,	2 00
16,	" and expenses to Concord to examine soldiers roll,	5 50
	Stationery,	38
	Revenue stamps,	80
26,	Time in hiring money,	1 00
May 6,	Half day making inven'y to Legislature,	1 00
	Expenses to New Market on business,	1 00
16,	One day to Portsmouth,	4 50
19,	One day to Concord,	5 50
	Four days to Portsmouth on account of drafted men's substitutes,	18 00
	Time in hiring money,	1 00
	Revenue stamps,	80
28,	Portsmouth to pay note to Bank,	4 50
June 22,	" on acc't of town quota,	4 50
23,	Concord on acc't of town quota, and Literary School money,	5 50
29,	Time and expenses to Exeter on account A. Kelley by request of Overseers of Poor,	1 50
July 22,	Time and expenses to Portsmouth respecting substitutes,	4 56
23,	Time and expenses to Portsmouth respecting substitutes,	4 50
Aug. 1,	Time and expenses to Concord on account of State Aid,	5 50
	Express on money,	65
	Revenue stamps,	1 15
6,	" "	1 35
8,	Time and expenses to Portsmouth on account of substitutes,	4 50
	Time in hiring money,	1 00
	Time to Portsmouth on acc't of the names in navy of men enlisted,	4 50
17,	Time and expenses to Portsmouth to pay substitutes,	4 50

Aug. 19,	To Time and expenses to Portsmouth to pay sub's for enrolled men,	4 50
23,	Time and expenses to Concord to examine roll,	5 50
	Stationery and stamps,	1 50
25,	Time and expenses to Portsmouth,	4 50
29,	Revenue stamps,	55
	Time and expenses to Portsmouth,	4 50
	" in hiring money,	1 00
Sept. 3,	Time and expenses to Portsmouth,	4 50
	Revenue stamps,	40
Oct. 7.	Time and expenses to Portsmouth to see if the credit was right,	4 50
15.	One day running line between Exeter and South Newmarket,	3 00
18.	One day to Portsmouth to settle County pauper bills,	4 50
27.	Time and expense to hire money,	1 00
	Revenue stamps,	15
Nov. 4.	Time in rectifying the enrolment,	2 00
8.	Drawing warrant for Town meeting and making check-list at the Town Hall,	1 50
	Revenue stamps,	55
9.	Perambulating the line between Epping and South Newmarket,	3 00
	Perambulating the line between South Newmarket and Newmarket,	3 00
Dec. 1.	Time and expenses to Concord on account of State aid and State tax,	5 50
5.	Time and expense in moving P. Dyer to the Town Farm,	2 00
6.	Time and expense in moving A. Kelley to the Town Farm,	3 00
26.	Time and expenses to Portsmouth on account of the enrolment,	4 50
29.	Time and expense to Portsmouth to fill the town's quota,	4 50
	Revenue stamps,	80
1865.		
Jan. 3.	Time and expenses to Newington to hire money,	2 00
	Revenue stamps,	70
5.	Time and expense to Portsmouth to fill the town's quota,	4 50

Jan. 18,	To	Time and expense to Portsmouth on account of the town's quota,	\$4 50
30,		Time and expenses to Exeter to settle with the County,	2 00
31,		Time and expenses to Portsmouth,	4 50
		Postage and revenue stamps,	25
Feb. 10,		Time and expenses to Portsmouth to get money,	4 50
Mch. 1,		Time and expenses to Newmarket to pay money,	1 00
2,		Time visiting Poor Farm,	2 00
4,		All other services as Selectmen,	15 00
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			\$208 08

Received payment,

SAMUEL NEAL.

Town of South Newmarket to Ira Choate, Dr.

1864.

Mch. 15,	To	Visiting Poor Farm,	1 50
May 16,		1 day to Portsmouth Quota,	4 50
Aug. 6,		Calling and attending Town Meeting,	2 00
23,		1 day to Concord,	5 50
Sept. 1,		1 day to Portsmouth,	4 50
		Stationery,	1 00
Nov. 4,		Assisting Provost Marshal (enrolment),	1 50
8,		Calling and attending Town Meeting,	2 00
9,		Perambulating Epping line,	3 00
		Paid Poor during the year,	5 25
		Horse Hire,	2 00
		Other services as Selectmen,	15 00
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			\$47 75

Received payment,

IRA CHOATE.

Town of South Newmarket to Patrick Quinn, Dr.

1864.

Mch. 15,	To	visiting Town Farm,	\$1 50
		Paid William C. Bean for team in 1863,	50
		Making out Town valuation for State,	3 00
		" " " war expenses "	2 00
June 1,		Assisting Enrolling Officer,	1 50

July 28,	Team to Newmarket on Town Act,	\$ 75
Aug. 6,	Calling and attending Town Meeting,	2 00
15,	Perambulating Exeter line,	3 00
	“ Newmarket line,	3 00
	Assisting Deputy Provost Marshal,	1 50
	Two trips to Boston,	12 00
	“ “ “ Charlestown,	12 00
	“ “ “ Concord,	12 00
	Seven “ “ Portsmouth,	31 50
	Assisting poor persons during year,	5 15
Nov. 8,	Calling and attending Town Meeting,	2 00
	Stationery and postage,	60
	Visiting Town Farm,	2 00
	All other services as Selectman,	15 00
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		\$111 00

March 8, 1864, settled as above.

SAMUEL NEAL, } *Selectmen*
 IRA CHOATE, } *of*
 PATRICK QUINN, } *So. Newmarket.*

SO. NEWMARKET, MARCH 8, 1864.

We, the subscribers, Auditors of the Town of South Newmarket, hereby certify that the foregoing entries are correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM E. GILSON, } *Auditors.*
 DANIEL R. SMITH, }

TOWN FARM.

On the 2d inst., in connection with the Selectmen of Newmarket, we visited the farm, and although our visit was unexpected, we found things in good order. Although the house is old, the floors and furniture were remarkably clean. The beds presented unmistakable evidence of cleanliness, and a good supply of clothes; considerable being added during the past year. The order amongst the occupants was as good as could be expected. The appearance of the Matron in charge proved conclusively that she was able and willing to do her

part of the work. We are satisfied that the town was fortunate in the selection of Mr. John R. Twombly and his industrious wife for this important position.

We visited the barn and found the stock in good condition. It consisted of —

1 pair two years old steers,	\$140 00
1 " three " " "	150 00
5 cows,	200 00
2 two years old heifers,	40 00
16 sheep,	128 00
1 horse,	75 00
10 bushels corn,	20 00
3 " beans,	8 00
15 pounds lard,	3 00
15 " butter,	6 00
200 bushels potatoes,	150 00
100 pounds pork,	20 00
2 pigs,	30 00
12 tons of hay,	360 00
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	\$1,330 00

TOWN DEBTS.

Dates and amount of Notes given by Selectmen.

Note, No. 1,	March 28, 1863,	\$1,500 00
2,	April 26, "	200 00
3,	May 1, "	200 00
4,	" 4, "	200 00
5,	Sept. 25, "	900 00
6,	Dec. 3, "	1,500 00
7,	Feb. 17, 1864,	400 00
8,	April 26, "	1,000 00
9,	May 4, "	1,500 00
10,	" 11, "	250 00
11,	" " "	150 00
12,	" 24, "	3,000 00
13,	July 30, "	500 00
14,	Aug. 9, "	1,000 00
15,	" " "	1,200 00
16,	" " "	100 00
17,	" 18, "	200 00

Note No. 18, Aug. 29, 1864,	\$600 00
19, Sept. 3, "	600 00
20, Jan. 3, 1865,	400 00
21, " " "	1,000 00
22, March 8, "	101 02

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Due from State for aid to soldiers families,	\$1,151 00
" " United States, as bounties,	1,960 00
	<hr/> \$3,111 00

Amount now due by the town, \$13,390 02

To which is to be added interest on some of the above notes.

SAMUEL NEAL,	}	<i>Selectmen of So. Newmarket.</i>
IRA CHOATE,		
PATRICK QUINN,		

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee

OF THE TOWN OF

SOUTH NEWMARKET, N. H.

Your Committee, in presenting his report of the schools in town, would first say there has been both progress and regress. While they have been about one-third longer than last year, there has been nearly one-fourth less scholars. The whole number of scholars in town attending school not less than two weeks has been *one hundred and ninety-two*.

The town embraces two school districts, Nos. 1 and 2.

District No. 1 has had four schools two terms, and three schools one term. The whole number of scholars in this district has been *one hundred and fifty-seven*.

The district embraces a High School, Grammar, Intermediate and Primary.

HIGH SCHOOL.

This school has been under the instruction of Miss MELISSA J. YOUNG for the year — thirty-two weeks. Whole number of scholars, 49. Average attendance, 32. Pay of teacher per week, including board, *nine dollars*. Miss Young is an experienced teacher, combining energy and perseverance in the school-room. She tries very hard to advance her pupils, and if

they are disposed to learn they may make very great progress. This school is injured by irregular attendance and a falling off near the close of the terms, perhaps to avoid examinations.

There has been great reluctance on the part of some of the boys to comply with the rules of the school in declamation and composition, very important exercises, and what parents ought to require their children to perform. There are many good scholars in this school who have worked hard and done themselves and their teacher credit. The Register says that Miss Mary E. Oakes has not been absent, tardy, or dismissed, during the last term. There are several others who would have had alike good reports had they not been sick.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This school has been under the instruction of Miss KATIE J. QUINN for the year—thirty weeks. Whole number of scholars, 47. Average attendance, 36. Pay of teacher per week, including board, *five dollars*.

Miss Quinn has taught this school two years before; and although it is a difficult school to manage, she has made it quite successful. Some of the classes have advanced rapidly. This school received a large number from the Intermediate School the last term, and sent its first class to the High School, so that at the close it did not show what it had really accomplished. It was shortened two weeks by sickness of the teacher; and from the same cause many of the scholars were prevented from attending much of the last term. Some boys have given the teacher trouble by playing truant and being idle and insubordinate in school. How negligent parents must be who do not know whether their children are at school, and how they conduct when there.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

This school has been under the instruction of Miss NELLIE S. FIFIELD two terms of *twenty-three weeks*. Whole number of scholars, 40. Average attendance, 33. Pay of teacher per week, including board, *four dollars and a half*.

This was Miss Fifield's first effort at teaching, and it was very successful. The school appeared to fine advantage; stillness, order, and an attention to studies could but be followed with marked progress. Some boys in this school gave the teacher trouble, but they did not break up the good order of the school.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

This school has been under the instruction of Miss HATTIE N. WENTWORTH for the year, *thirty-two weeks*. The last term it has been taught in the Intermediate school-room, and included about half of that school, making but three schools the winter term.

Whole number of scholars the first and second terms, 35. Average attendance, 25.

Whole number third term, 44. Average attendance, 27.

Pay of teacher per week, including board, first two terms, *three dollars and a half*. Third term, *four dollars and a half*.

Miss Wentworth managed this school very well, and some of the children made great improvement in reading and spelling. She took unwearied pains, and secured the love of the children and the good will of the parents.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

This has but one school, a summer term of *fourteen weeks* and a winter term of *sixteen weeks*, making *thirty weeks*.

This school has been under the instruction of Miss ELLEN E. SMITH for the year.

Whole number of scholars, 35. Average attendance, 24.

Pay of teacher per week, including board, *four dollars and a half* in summer, and in winter, *seven dollars*.

Miss Smith has taught several schools before, and appears well adapted to the work of teaching. She keeps good order, and is thorough in her instruction. The scholars appear to be diligent, though not very far advanced. There were so few present at our last visit that we could not see what improvement had been made by the whole school. We should think that many of the scholars in this district have attended very irregularly or but a small part of the time. What profit to employ good teachers, and then not send children to school? Let parents consider and be wise.

I might add many remarks by way of suggestion, but a few are all that are deemed necessary. There has been progress by lengthening the schools ten weeks more than last year. I trust that all are satisfied with this increased expenditure for our public schools. It was a noble stand. You should go still higher, at least to bring them up to three terms of twelve weeks each. This, with first-class teachers, would be a crowning excellence of your pleasant thriving village and small town. Palsied be the tongue that would say our taxes are so high we must shorten our schools. Better retrench in everything else, even your food and clothing (and give up all the rum and tobacco used in town), than let your children grow up in ignorance, and suffer through life the mortification of not knowing how to make their way in the world successfully for the want of a little more early education. It was a fine thought of Burke when he said, "Taxes for education are like vapors which arise to descend to beautify and to fertilize the earth." We are enriching and honoring ourselves by giving our children the intellectual and moral training their natures demand.

In District No. 1, three schools are all that are required for the present number of scholars. For these you have three convenient, pleasant school-rooms. By the wise and judicious

management of your Prudential Committee these rooms have been furnished with wood stoves and plenty of funnel, so that they are easily and cheaply warmed to what they were before. A winter school is very desirable, especially for the larger scholars, and to have it profitable the room must be easily warmed.

The District should have a law with a heavy penalty for injuring the school-rooms or defacing the seats in any way, and require the teacher to enforce the law or be responsible for the damages. They should also make a law to clear all idle and lounging boys from the grounds around the school-house who cannot be induced to attend school and obey orders. The schools have been much annoyed with these boys the past year, and they should be allowed to do so no more.

Let each parent and guardian of youth feel a proper interest in our public common schools, and labor together for their improvement, and we shall see from year to year a steady and permanent advancement in this great and glorious work of educating youthful minds.

ELIAS CHAPMAN,

Sup. School Committee.

MARCH 4, 1865.

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